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Joſhua Harding.

HE priſoner came to my houſe on Friday morning, about nine o'clock, and call'd for a pint of beer, and pulled out a handful of , and ſaid if any body wanted him, he was down to Billingſgate.

Priſoner's Defence.

went out on the Saturday morning, and left proſecutor and another man in the houſe. I d at Kenſington he had got a warrant to take up, and went to know of him for what. He ped me. I worked for Mr. Dancer laſt ſum- ; pleaſe to aſk him my character.

ancer. He and his wife worked with me from weeks before Eaſter. I contracted with them eleven ſhillings per week. I found him an in- rious fellow, ſo gave him another ſhilling per k. Acquitted.

454. (*M.*) **Jordan Cooper** was indicted for ling one ſilk handkerchief, val. 2s. 6d. the pro- y of Benjamin Seniard, July 7.

Elizabeth Seniard, wife to Benjamin, was at k in cleaning a garret, and had left her hand- chief hanging on a chair, at the houſe of Mr. church in Piccadilly. A gentleman that lodged the houſe ſent the priſoner up for his trunk into t room. She miſſed her handkerchief after he e down. She followed him into Lambeth ſh, and charged the priſoner with it; he at denied it, but upon threatening him he took it of his pocket, and gave it her. *Produced in rt, and depoſed to.*

The priſoner in his defence ſaid, he found it on the ſecond landing place on the ſtairs. Guilty 10d.

455. (*M.*) **Paul Sheals** was indicted for ſtealing one ſilk brocade waiſtcoat, val. 12s. the property of Robert Roberts, June 20.

Robert Roberts. I am a ſaleſman in Roſemary Lane. I went out on the 20th of June; when I returned, I miſſed a ſilk brocade waiſtcoat, which I left on a ſhelf under the care of Richard Burks; he was my ſervant. I advertiſed it on the third of July, and on the fourth a pawnbroker brought it to my ſhop. *Produced in court, and depoſed to.* I deſired him to detain the perſon that brought it if he came again. The day after he went again, and there was detained, and I ſent for.

Richard Burks. I was ſervant to Mr. Roberts at that time. I made this waiſtcoat out of two old ones for Mr. Roberts; I am certain it is his property. It was in his ſhop upon the twentieth of laſt June. It had hung out, but rain came, and I took it in again. The priſoner came in and aſked for a linen waiſtcoat and black breeches. I had none, but went, as is uſual, to get them at another ſhop, and when I returned he was gone.

John Smith. I am a pawnbroker. I lent the priſoner five ſhillings upon it, and ſeeing the advertiſement, carried it to the proſecutor.

The priſoner in his defence ſaid, it was given him by a Captain of an Indiaman. Guilty.

456. (*L.*) **Jane Woolford** was indicted for ſtealing one linen ſhirt, val. 20s. the property of the right honourable Lord John Dilmine, and one napkin, val. 6d. the property of John Mirehouſe, Auguſt 22. Guilty.

457. (L.) **William Newton** was indicted for ſtealing nine pounds of iron nails, val. 2 s. 6d. the goods of John Taylor, Sept. 16.

The proſecutor is a carpenter; the priſoner worked with him. The proſecutor happened to find his coat to be heavy, as he went to move it from the place where it was laid. He look'd and found there was this quantity of nails; he let them abide there. When the priſoner was going to dinner with his coat on, his maſter ſtopped him in the ſtreet, and ſent for a conſtable; they were found in his pocket, and he own'd it to his maſter on his knees, and aſked pardon.

The priſoner in his defence ſaid, he was going to Tower-ſtreet to uſe them in a job for his maſter. The proſecutor to that ſaid, there were no men employed in Tower-ſtreet at that time. He ſaid he had a job there, but he would not have wanted that quantity, and there were flooring brads in his pocket, tho' no flooring to be done in the job. Guilty 10 d.

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457. (L.) **Garret Conner** was indicted for ſtealing 7 yards and 3 quarters of woollen cloth, and 18 yards of ſalloon, val. 58 s. the goods of John Bradſhaw, in his dwelling houſe, June 15.

John Bradſhaw. I live beyond Algate, in London, the priſoner worked for me, he had been at work for the train of artillery under me; his book anſwered to mine, of what I gave out and he brought in. I found myſelf a loſer, but did not miſtruſt him more than others. I never delivered any goods to be made but what was ready cut, and they lay in the cutting room.

Q. Is your cutting room part of your dwelling houſe?

Bradſhaw It is. I believe what I loſt were no part of what I delivered out to him to make up. I frightened him one night by ſaying I would ſearch his lodgings, upon which account very likely he carried them out. My ſon in law, Thomas Fothergall, told me ſome of my goods were at the houſe of Welch. I went there with two or three people that knew them, there I found 7 linings for coats, above 18 yards of ſhalloon, ſome red cloth, the ſame we make the drummers coats on for the artillery at Woolwich, about 5 or 6 ſhillings a yard, 3 coats ready cut for matroſſes, the leaſt as can make one muſt be two yards and a quarter, all blue cloth, at about 6 s. per yard.

Q. When did you ſee it in your dwelling houſe?

Bradſhaw. I can't tell that.

The red cloth produced, and depoſed to as part he loſt. The others were made up and delivered. All that I loſe I am obliged to make good. He was before Sir Samuel Gore, there he ſaid my law gave him this red cloth, and that Tom left the other cloth and ſhalloon at his

Joſeph Welch. On monday morning the June the priſoner's daughter brought rags to my yard at the Roſe and Crown, rine-wheel Alley, Whitechapel. It was put up in rags. She came again in hours and deſired to put them into the was not granted. Then ſhe went and bid coalſhed. The next day we laid in ſome and the men in removing ſome boards bundle. There was cloth cut out for and linings for them, and a piece of red The priſoner's wife came to demand the 16th of June, and threatened me if not deliver them. Mr. Bradſhaw came to aſked me if I had ſuch cloth. Mr. Bradſhaw came and ſaid he was the perſon that cut ſo I delivered them to him.

Thomas Fothergall. I am ſon-in law to the cutor, the priſoner's daughter came to me ſired that I would go to her father, for he a little trouble. I went with her to Welch's ſhe told me they had ſtopped ſome of her work. They finding that I was not the went and fetched my father. Then they two drummers linings, this bit of red cloth, ſome coats ready cut out. He ſaid I gave red cloth, but I did not.

Priſoner's Defence.

The laſt witneſs gave me 17 coats to and the red cloth to make up the firſt two made up the coats without it, ſo ſaved the There was a man that worked for him coats in my room, and went away. I put gether and deſired my daughter to carry Bradſhaw and tell him I would not work for him. She left them at Mr. Welch's when ſhe went for the things to carry, as I rected, and they ſtopped them. Acq.

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458. (M.) **Mary Purity**, ſpinſter, dicted for ſtealing one holland ſhift, val. 1 linen handkerchiefs, three linen ruffles, two one black ſatin hat, one paper hat, one one yellow ſatin gown, one brown ſilk goods of Catharine Symons, July 13.

Catharine Symons. The priſoner was chair at the houſe where I lodge, at Mr. Turn Exeter ſtreet. On the 22d of July, about

t, the prisoner took the candle and went o make my bed. She was missing in about half our. When I went to look for a nightcap, I ed all the things mentioned in the indictment. was taken by the watch in the street, and the morning she and the things were carried be- the justice; I went there and swoar to the ds. *Produced in court and deposed to.*

Margaret Holsted. Between 11 and 12 o'clock night, the 22d of July, I saw the prisoner com- along the Strand with a great bundle in her , she called me on one side, and wanted to ow where she could pawn a sack, and took it of the bundle in her apron. What else was re I know not.

Thomas Lambeth. I am a watchman of St. Mar- 's parish, in the Strand, On the 22d of July, twixt 11 and 12 at night I stopped the prisoner th a parcel loose in her apron near Bullin court; e said she was going to a place, and went into eter street to her own mother's door. Mrs. Tur- came up to me, and told me the prisoner had some things of hers. I carried her to the con- ble.

Samuel Green. I am constable. The prisoner, ith the things loose in her apron, was brought to e watch-house by the last evidence. She seemed ch confused, and said very little.

Prisoner's defence.

I was hired a weekly servant in this house for . When I had been there about three days, my ner did not agree with me, and my mistress ve me a glass of brandy, and the other young y gave me two or three glasses of wine, and I s so much in liquor that I can't tell whether I ok the things or they put them in my apron. Mr. Birmingham and his wife, and Mr. Caswell d his wife, appeared, and gave her a good cha- ter, exclusive of this affair. Guilty.

There was another indictment against her.

460. (*M.*) Peter Fourcauzen was indicted for aling twenty-five pounds of whalebone, val. 6 l. e goods of John Jones, privately, in the ware- use of the said John, June 27.

John Jones. I live in Beaufort Buildings. I ought I often missed whalebone, but did not find out till the 27th of June. I was gone that day to helsea; when I returned I was informed that I d been robbed by my other servants of a quantity f bone, they could not tell by who. There came in Henry Archer, who toldme he saw the prisoner with some bone on his back, all dirty. I went and got a warrant, and then went to the alehouse in Change Court, where he lodged. I took him be- fore Justice Fielding; he owned nothing. This was on Saturday, and on the Monday after came a porter. (He is since dead of the small pox.) Then Mrs. Taylor, behind St. Clement's church, came and said, she had some whalebone, and a let- ter, which she said she had received; it is directed to her, at the Little Blue Anchor. She said she bought the goods of the prisoner. I missed twenty- five pounds, and this weighs twenty odd pounds. *Produced in court.*

Mary Taylor. I live on the backside St. Cle- ment's, and am a piece-broker. I know the pri- soner, and have bought goods of him; I bought this whalebone of him. It was advertised the 30th of June; I bought it the Saturday before; it was brought by a porter in soldiers cloaths; the pri- soner came with him. I asked him whether he came honestly by it, he said he had it to sell for one in the Strand; it weighed twenty three pounds and a half, the half pound I did not pay for. Two men brought me a letter on Sunday night; I do not know who wrote it. After hearing it was adver- tised, I went to Mr. Jones, and told him I had bought some bone at that time.

William Naylor. I am very well acquainted with the prisoner's hand writing, and have seen him write scores of times. (*He looks at the letter.*) Upon my oath I can say this is his hand writing. He wrote sometimes large, and sometimes small.

Q. *to Mrs. Taylor.* Do you know this letter?

Mrs. Taylor. This was brought to me by two men on Sunday night.

The letter read to this purport:

To Madam Taylor, at the Small Blue Anchor, behind St. Clement's Church.

Madam, *June* 28, 1752.

I desire you will keep yourself to yourself, accord- ing to the bone you received of me last Satur- day, and say you know nothing of the matter, nor will know any thing of the matter, and I will be bound never to bring any thing that will prove any thing against you, as it will be adver- tised.

Yours to command,

P. F.

Q. *from prisoner to William Naylor.* Did not you

come to me, and desire me to write a letter for you about being bail for you.

Nailor. I did.

Henry Archer. I saw the prisoner on a Saturday, betwixt twelve and one in the day, about fifty yards off Mr. Jones's warehouse back door, with some whalebone on his back.

Q. How long was it before you heard Mr. Jones had been robbed?

Archer. About two hours. It was long slips, he had it on his shoulder, with both his hands round it; it was like this bundle here produced. He turned round towards Charing Cross.

Moses Nevil. I had the care of my master's warehouse the 27th of June. Betwixt ten and eleven o'clock that morning, I locked the door, and delivered the key.

Prisoner's defence.

I never saw the woman before that says I sold her the whalebone. I was at the back of this warehouse, but it was to get a person to be bail for Nailor. He called ten persons to his character, who gave him a very good one. Guilty of felony only.

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461. (*M.*) **John Dalton** was indicted for that he on the 27th of April, about the hour of two in the afternoon, the dwelling house of William Hughes did break and enter, no person being therein, and one cloth coat, val. 10 s. one hat, val. 3 s. one pair of ticken breeches, four pair of worsted stockings, two rasors, and one linen shift, the goods of William Hughes; also one cloth coat, and one waistcoat, the goods of John Peak, did steal, &c. Guilty of felony only.

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462. (*M.*) **William Tompson** was indicted for stealing four quarten loaves, val. 2 s. the goods of John Davis, Aug. 1. Guilty 10 d.

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463. (*M.*) **William Haines** was indicted for stealing one hundred weight of iron, val. 5 s. the goods of John Trible, May 31. Guilty.

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464. (*M.*) **Sarah Osbourne**, spinster, was indicted for stealing one linen shirt val. 1 s. 6d. the property of Edward Roberts, one linen shirt the property of William Waters, and 6 linen shirts and one waistcoat, the goods of John Morris, July 3.

The goods mention'd were missing from out of the house of Roberts in Denmark-street, the prisoner had carried the things to Mrs. Hugoe's, in Johnson's-change, Rosemary-lane to sell. She suspected they were not honestly come by, stop'd them and had them advertis'd. The [illegible] cutors own'd them. *Produced in court and [illegible] ed to.*

The prisoner in her defence said, she [illegible] them in Burlington-street in a bundle. Guilty [illegible]

465, 466. (*M.*) **Anne Masters** spinster, [illegible] **Jane Purple** were indicted for stealing one [illegible] ver watch, val. 3 l. the property of John [illegible] July 24.

John Barras. I met with these two ladies [illegible] holborn, July 24. they asked me to give them a dram. We went to a house in St. Giles's, in a room up-stairs, I spent half a crown on them, they said I had better go to bed as I was drunk, I pull'd my breeches off and put my watch down in my fobb, and put them under my head, they were both upon the bed with me. After they in about 5 minutes, Purple went down stairs, the other said, she will not come up again, I'll go for her, so she went, and I heard one say up the stairs, has he miss'd it yet. Then I felt my breeches and felt, and said, I do miss it, and ran down stairs without my breeches and seized Masters; Purple got off. Then I went up stairs and put on my breeches, and got a constable and some watchmen: they went up stairs and search'd but could not find it; somebody said look under the bed. They then went up and found it there on the floor. Both Acquitted.

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467. (*M.*) **Thomas Butler**, was indicted for returning from Transportation. See the crime for which he was transported, in May Sessions in Alderman *Beun's* Mayoralty. Guilty **Death.**

468, 469. (*M.*) **Anne Coakley** otherwise [illegible] spinster, and **Eliz. Beach**, spinster, were indicted for stealing one gold necklace, val. 40 s. three gold rings, one iron snuff-box, one silk purse, and fifty five shillings in money number'd, the goods of William Warren, secretly from the person of Mary wife to the said William, August 10.

Mary Warren deposed, she and the two prisoners were drinking punch together till she was very fuddl'd on the 10th of August. That afterwards when she came to herself she missed the money mention'd, and purse. Will. her husband deposed, the prisoner Coakley deliver'd all the things, except the money and purse when he came to take them of his wife; that she took the chain from her neck fearing she should be strangled in her liquor. Both Acquitted.

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o. (*M.*) **John Bowman** was indicted for ſteal-
ne coral mounted with ſilver, and one linen
the goods of Duncan Livington, July 1.
e proſecutor lives at the King's Head in
ſea. July the 1ſt he met the priſoner coming
his ſtairs with a bundle under his arm; he
out of the houſe. When they went to
the bed the ſheet was miſſing. They took
priſoner up. The ſheet was found where
priſoner had pawn'd it. *Produced in court
depoſed to.* The coral was not found again.
e priſoner in his defence ſaid he took the
from a whore near Buckingham Gate.
y 10d.

1, 472. (*M.*) **Eliz. Pinchin**, ſpinſter, other-
wife of Charles Croſs, and **Mary** wife of
rd Eyres, were indicted for ſtealing one
ettle, one box-iron, one heater, two linen
s, one pint copper pot, the goods of Daniel
ough, Aug. 6. Both Acq.

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3. (*M.*) **Samuel Chauntern** was indicted
ealing one lawn gown, val. 10 s. the property
enrietta Williams, one cloth cloak, 2 linen
one pair of lawn ſleeves, one pair of cam-
ruffles, the goods of Mary Rogers, widow,
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ry Rogers depoſed, ſhe was going up King-
and a man came by her and took the things
undle under her arm July the 18th, and ran

ne Davis, depoſed ſhe ſaw the man take them,
n after him and call'd ſtop thief, and was
two yards of him when taken in Newport-
, and never loſt ſight of him.

lliam Damford, depoſed he met and ſtop'd
riſoner upon this out cry, that then he had
ndle and there was no other perſon near

priſoner in his defence ſaid, he heard the
ſtop thief, and going in purſuit of him
have taken him had he not been ſtop'd.

ry Druet, and *Sarah Hooper*, who live in
on-ſtreet where the thief ran thro', depoſed,
vidence *Anne Davis* ſtop'd near their doors,
over-againſt each other, and could not be
he priſoner when taken. He called ſix peo-
ho gave him the character of an honeſt and
rious perſon. Acq.

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4. (*M.*) **Robert Rogers** was indicted for
g four holland ſhirts val. 40 s. one table
val. 3 s. the goods of Joſeph Williams, one
linen ſhift, and one linen apron, the goods of Sarah Price, March 16.

Sarah Price is ſervant with Joſeph Williams, ſhe put up this and more linen together to be carried down from St. James's-ſtreet to Black-lion ſtairs for Charles Andrews a Hammerſmith's waterman to carry there to be waſh'd. Andrews employs one Henry Paget a Black-lion-ſtairs waterman to fetch it. Paget went with the priſoner, and by Paget's order deſired her to deliver the linen to the priſoner to carry, he having a hamper of bottles to carry himſelf. The priſoner took an opportunity of going behind Paget to run away with the bundle. He was afterwards taken up and confeſſed he did ſteal them. *Some of the goods found, produced in court and depoſed to.* Guilty.

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475. (*M.*) **Nathaniel Swething**, was indicted for ſtealing one quart bottle of arrack, one quart bottle of uſquebaugh, one quart bottle of rum, one quart bottle of brandy, two quart bottles of mountain wine, and two quart bottles of red port wine, the goods of Edward Shepcutt, Auguſt 27. Guilty.

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476. (*L.*) **Mary Tomline**, ſpinſter, was indicted for ſtealing one ſilver watch, val. 3 l. privately from the perſon of Robert Watts his property, May 4.

The Proſecutor depoſed, he was walking over London-bridge, the priſoner came cloſe by his ſide, his apron was tuck'd up about him, ſhe took hold of his watch ſtring and pull'd the watch out of his pocket by violence and ran away. That he ſaw the watch when in her hand, and alſo ſaw and felt her pull it out. Guilty of ſtealing, but not privately from his perſon.

477, 478. (*M.*) **John Dible** and **Ann** his wife, were indicted for ſtealing one linen ſheet, val. 4 s. the goods of Eleanor Allen, widow, in a certain room let by contract, Sept. 2. Both acquitted.

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479. (*M.*) **Joſeph Legg**, was indicted for ſtealing five holland ſhirts, val. 25 s. the goods of a perſon unknown.

Andrew Loiuton appear'd in court and depoſed them to be the property of one Mr. Marval; the jury could not but acquit him upon this indictment, and detained him to be tried upon another indictment next ſeſſions.

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480, 481, 482. (*M*) **Grace Gates**, the younger, **Grace Gates**, the elder, and **William Nun**, were indicted for the murder of a male baſtard child, brought forth from the body of **Grace Gates**, the younger, March 8.

She likewiſe ſtood charged on the coroner's inquiſition.

The child was found in a pond with a brick-bat tied to its neck, but there was no evidence that affected either of the priſoners, but that all the evidences examined were of opinion that it was ſtill born. All three acquitted.

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483. (*M.*) **Elizabeth Dunham**, ſingle woman, was indicted for the murder of her female baſtard child, July 22.

She ſtood charged alſo upon the coroner's inquiſition for the ſaid murder.

It appeared the priſoner denied her being either married or with child the day before ſhe was delivered. The child was found in a box, in her room, dead, on the 22d of July. All the evidences depoſed there were no marks of violence upon it. She in her defence ſaid it was her firſt child, was taken in labour ſooner than expected, and being ſurprized, had not proper aſſiſtance as is neceſſary. She called the perſon who was ordered to ſearch her room, who produced a quantity of child-bed linen; and called Mr. Clark, who lives in the Temple, who depos'd, ſhe came to him about two months ago and told him her caſe; and that he would aſſiſt her in ſpeaking to a ſurgeon to help her; and that a Jamaica gentleman, one Mr. Roberts, was the father. James Moſhat depoſed, that one Mr. Roberts, who is now gone to Jamaica, had applied to him to aſſiſt a young woman with proper conveniences, who he expected would be delivered of a child about Chriſtmas, but did not mention the priſoner's name. Acquitted.

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484. (*L.*) **John Needs**, was indicted for ſtealing one ſilk handkerchief, val. 10 d. the property of Martin Tompkins, Auguſt 31. Guilty.

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485. (*M.*) **William Pope**, was indicted for ſtealing four ruffled ſhirts, and two table cloths, val. 2 s. the goods of George Baſſet, June 22. Guilty.

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486. (*M.*) **James Currey**, was indicted for ſtealing one gold ring, value 10 s. the property of Hen. Eaken, Auguſt 23. Guilty.

487, 488. (*M.*) **Randolph Branch** and **William Deſcent**, were indicted for that they, on the king's highway, on Joſeph Brown did make an aſſault, putting him in corporal fear and danger of his life, one ſilver watch, val. 4 l. the property of John Sheen, and five ſhillings in money numbered the money of the ſaid Joſeph, did ſteal, take, &c. Auguſt 9.

Joſeph Williams. On the 9th of Auguſt at night about ten o'clock, I was ſtanding at my own door in Wiltſhire-lane, St. John's Wapping, I ſaw Joſeph Brown, whom I knew before, lying with his head fixed in the middle of the kennel on the right ſide; upon taking him up I found him all over of a gore blood, and made me as bloody as if I had dipt my hands in a pail of blood. He gave a very great ſigh, I aſked him if his name was Brown, he ſaid *yes*. Then I aſked him, if he lived at the ſign of the King's Head, at Mr. Lorrey's, he ſaid *yes*. I and the landlady of the King's Head took him there, which was about ten yards of, then Mr. Pell, a ſurgeon, was ſent for, who came and dreſſed him. The landlady deſired me to examine his breeches, which I did; I turned the pockets, and found nothing but a pencil in a ſide-pocket.

Francis Buckwell. Mr. Brown was clerk at the brew-houſe where I belong. I heard of this melancholly affair of his being knock'd down and robbed. I went and found him alive, but in very bad condition, in bed mangled, with his cloaths all extremely bloody, and ſpeechleſs, his face all over black, his mouth ſo beat that it was hardly open, and all bloody; his head was bound up, the ſurgeon having been with him. I conſulted a friend what to do in this affair; he told me, there were proper perſons for that. After which there came five or ſix thief catchers to the brew-houſe, I told them I had a ſuſpicion of the perſon: they took up one Spaniſh Jack (the perſon who was an accomplice with, and evidence against Antho. de Roſa, for the murder of a man called the Barking Dogs) and brought him to the brew-houſe. He confeſſed he knew of the affair, that four of them went out at that time upon the *Scamp*, as they call it. After that they left Branch and lock'd him up, then I went down with them to Deptford, and there they took up Deſcent more, Deſcent was one of them. Coming up by water he acknowledged he was in the robbery, but denied he knock'd Mr. Brown down. They brought him up, and had him into a ſurgeon's houſe in the garden, he then ſaid, he himſelf being lame, Branch took the ſtick, being ſtronger than he, ran up and knock'd him down at the corner of Virginia-ſtreet.

Q. Did he ſay this was upon Mr. Brown?

Backwell. They acknowledged afterwards an attempt they made that night. I will not be ſure whether they might miſtake the one for the other, but I talked to him and Branch too of the affair of Brown only. Deſcent ſaid, he robbed a gentleman near Well-cloſe ſquare, of a watch and five ſhillings, but did not mention the name. We took them both before Juſtice Manwaring, where they wanted each of them to be admitted an evidence. His worſhip told them he could not admit either, if they had any thing to ſay before him they might. They were examined ſeparately, each acknowledged this robbery. Deſcent was examined firſt, he ſaid Branch knock'd him down. Branch, when he was examined, ſaid Deſcent knock'd him down. Branch acknowledged that he himſelf took the watch and five ſhillings from him, and that he took three keys from his pocket, and afterwards flung them away. We found one in Well-cloſe ſquare, it was bloody. Mr. Brown had been out from the Sunday morning. We did not know that he had a watch, or what money he had about him.

Robert Pell. I am a ſurgeon. I was called in to attend Mr. Brown on Sunday the 9th of Auguſt, about eleven o'clock at night. I found him with ſeveral wounds on his head, one large one under his left eye; the arteries were divided, his head and face very much ſwelled. I thought the wounds could be given with nothing leſs then the bar of a door, or ſome blow, as they appeared to be given with a blunt inſtrument, for they were bruiſes. I was the next day with him, then there came an account, that the people that were ſuppoſed to do it were taken. When they were carried into a back room in the garden, where I ſaw Deſcent, Branch was not then in hearing, he acknowledged himſelf to be one of the people that did the fact. I deſired he would let me know with what weapon theſe wounds were given, becauſe it might be of ſome ſervice to me in the courſe of my attendance in healing thoſe wounds. There was a large oaken ſtick produced by one of the people that had taken him. Deſcent told me, he believed the gentleman was knock'd down with that ſtick (*produced in court, it was a large oaken ſtick, quite out of ſize, being over large, with a knob to it*). Deſcent alſo told me this piece of ſtick broke out in ſtriking the blow (*a ſplinter from the bottom of the knob*), the ſtick then was bloody. Deſcent then ſhew'd me his knees, and ſaid, you ſee I am not fit to enter into theſe exploits, I got into bad company of young Branch and he has lead me into the fact. I aſked him how it was done, he ſaid, they were coming along by the end of Virginia-ſtreet, and ſaw a gentleman before them.

Q. Did he mention the time of night?

Pell. I believe he did not. Upon ſeeing him, Deſcent ſaid, that Branch ſnatch'd the ſtick out of his hand, and made uſe of ſuch an expreſſion as this, *I will ſhow you how to knock a man down*, upon which he knock'd the gentleman down. I was with him afterwards before Juſtice Manwaring, then they were examined apart; there Deſcent was pretty near in the ſame ſtory. Branch, I think, ſaid, they were coming along, and either he or Deſcent ſaid, there is a mark; upon which Deſcent went up, and gave him a wipe or a lick, or ſome ſuch term, and kept paying him over the head, while I put my hand in his pocket and took out his watch and money. Then Mr. Backwell aſked him about ſome keys, he ſaid he had taken ſome but had thrown them away coming along.

Juſtice Manwaring. On Monday the tenth of Auguſt, in the afternoon, the two priſoners at the bar were brought before me. Mr. Backwell had told me he ſuſpected they had done murder. I deſired they might be kept back that I might examine them one by one. Deſcent was brought in firſt. I aſked him what he had to ſay for himſelf about the charge laid againſt him in robbing and murdering Mr. Brown. He ſaid he met Renney Branch at the [illegible] of Mrs. Stitchbourne in Ragfair, about five o'clock on Sunday night, who aſked him to go into the fields. He went with him and one Roberts, from an alehouſe where they had ſome beer. Going along they met a man and Branch knock'd him down in the fields, and took from him a knife and threepence; that he found fault with him for robbing the man, ſaying to him, if you want money I have money, why did you abuſe him. After this they went into an alehouſe, in Ratcliff-high-way, there Roberts left him, and betwixt nine and ten o'clock Branch and he went out together; and going by the end of Virginia-ſtreet, leading to Wiltſhire-lane.

Q. *to Williams.* How far from Virginia-ſtreet did you find Mr. Brown lying?

Williams. Virginia-ſtreet is, I believe, about a hundred yards from Well-cloſe ſquare, and we found him about twenty yards from Virginia-ſtreet in Wiltſhire-lane.

The Juſtice continues. Branch ſaid to him with an imprecation, D—n his eyes, here is a mark, and twitched the ſtick out of his hand, ſtepped up to

the man, and knocked him down, and after he was down ſtruck him ſeveral blows, but the man never ſpoke; he blamed him much for abuſing the man. That Branch took his watch and money from him, and went away, and when he came to Mrs. Stitchbourne's, Branch offer'd the watch to her for thirty ſhillings, and I think made uſe of ſuch an expreſſion, that he had *milled* it; ſhe took it and ſaid ſhe would pay him for it in the morning, and in the morning ſhe gave him a guinea in gold, and four ſhillings in ſilver, and Branch gave him ſixteen ſhillings of the money. He alſo ſaid, Branch told him he had given half a guinea to one *Bett Thomas*, to go and get a pair of piſtols to go upon the *lay* with the next day. When Deſcent was carried out, and Branch brought in, I aſked him in the ſame manner what he had to ſay for himſelf; he came in with a good deal of courage, and wanted to know whether I would admit him an evidence. I ſaid if he had any thing to ſay, he might ſay it freely and voluntarily, I'd lay no injunctions upon him, nor give him any encouragement. Then he ſaid, Deſcent, Roberts, and he, were at the houſe of one Sergeant, at Prince Frederick's head in Rag Fair; that thoſe three went out together into the fields. As they went along they met a man, that Deſcent gave him a knock on the pate with a ſtick, and took from him three pence and a knife. That they went from thence into Ratcliff Highway to an alehouſe. That then Vat Roberts left them. About nine or ten o'clock went from that houſe; and as they were going along, Deſcent ſaid to him, with ſeveral imprecations, the firſt man he met he'd knock his brains out if he had no more money than the man they met before. When they came a little beyond the end of Virginia-ſtreet, they met a man. Deſcent knock'd him down, and he never ſpoke afterwards. He hit him ſeveral blows after he was down, and bid him [that is Branch] take out his watch and money, which he ſaid he did. That he blamed him for beating the man ſo much, and deſired him to let him alone. Then they went into Well Cloſe Square; there they met a man and knocked him down. That he cried out, and the neighbours got to their doors, ſo they ran away, and got nothing from him.

John Sheen. I lent Joſeph Brown a ſilver watch about three weeks before he was robbed.

Steven Macdonald produces a watch.

Sheen. [He looks upon it.] This is my watch, which I had lent to Mr. Brown.

Macdonald. On the Monday after the robbery I went to Stitchbourne's houſe; there Branch was in bed, juſt getting up. Deſcent had made his eſcape to Deptford. After we had ſecured Branch in a place of ſafety, we went to Deptford and found Deſcent; after Branch was carried to the Tower jail. He bid me take up Mrs. Stitchbourne, and want to be admitted an evidence. He told me the watch was diſpoſed of to Mrs. Stitchbourne for twenty-four or twenty-five ſhillings. Deſcent ſaid at Deptford, he wiſh'd he could be made an evidence, and that he ſold the watch for twenty-five ſhillings to Stitchbourne. I took Stitchbourne up; the juſtice ordered us to keep her by herſelf, and ſo to come at the watch. I kept her a day at my room; ſhe ſent a girl for the watch, who brought it and delivered it to her and me; ſhe wanted to have me ſwear againſt the girl; ſhe own'd ſhe bought it for twenty-five ſhillings.

Elizabeth Hall. I lived at Mrs. Stitchbourne's. Branch and Deſcent came there about five o'clock the ninth of Auguſt, in the afternoon, and aſked if ſhe would buy any thing if they could ſteal it; ſhe ſaid ſhe had truſted to Branch, and might as well again as before, as he had had it in his power to hurt her, and did not. They came again the ſame night between ten and eleven, all in a ſweat; I was ſtanding at the door talking to three young fellows. The priſoners went into the houſe, and into the inward room to my miſtreſs; the young fellows went and peeped through a crack in the window ſhutter. I went in and bid my miſtreſs draw the curtain; ſhe was looking at the works of a ſilver watch; after that they called for a pint of beer. Mary Dormer, a lodger in the houſe, fetched it from the alehouſe, and I was ordered to bring it into the room, which I did. I heard them agree thirty ſhillings for the watch, and heard her ſay *no, but five and twenty.* They lay at that houſe after they went up to bed, they had words. Deſcent charged Branch with having two watches; I thought they would have went to fighting. Stitchbourne Jack went up with intent to part them, and heard their whole diſcourſe. I ſaw Mrs. Stitchbourne the next morning give them a golden guinea, and ſaid ſhe would make it up another time. I went and changed the guinea, and gave the money into Branch's hands. I brought half a pint of rum. Branch had ſixteen ſhillings and ſix pence.

Alice Dormer. I lived at Mrs. Stitchbourne's, and remember the priſoners coming on a Sunday in Auguſt, about five o'clock. I was lying with my head upon the table, and Mrs. Stitchbourne was in bed. They went into the room to her; I heard them ſay they were to go out upon the

d aſk whether, if they brought any thing, ſhe uld buy it. She ſaid, yes. Branch ſaid, Suppoſe as to bring a tankard or two, or a watch, will buy them? Yes, ſhe ſaid, ſhe would; for if had not money, ſhe could have it of a neighur. Betwixt ten and eleven, Elizabeth Hall and and three butchers, were ſtanding at the door king; the priſoners came ruſhing in, and went o Mrs. Stitchbourne's room; ſhe called me to and get a pot of beer, and give it to Betty homas to bring in. On the Thurſday following was at Mr. Macdonald's houſe; ſhe ſent to me the morning to bring her a clean gown. I had returned home above a quarter of an hour beſhe ſent a boy to deſire me to come up ain; then ſhe deſired me to go and get a watch Peggy Lloyd in Drury-lane, which I did.

Walter Roberts. On Sunday the ninth of Auguſt, out eight at night, the two priſoners and I were gether. In the middle of the fields they ſtopp'd an, and took from him ſome halfpence and a ife. Then we went into Ratcliff Highway, and lled for ſome beer; there I left them. About e or ſix ſtones throw from Well Cloſe Square, a le before nine, they both had ſticks in their nds; Deſcent had the large ſtick produced re, which he ſhewed to me, the next morning er he had knocked down the brewer's clerk, d ſaid a ſplinter came out here at the time (putg his finger to an open place in the nob.) That beat him over the head, and took a watch and e ſilver from him.

Edward Holt. On Sunday the ninth of Auguſt, two priſoners were coming through Well loſe Square. I ſaw Branch for one, and he bid ſtand. I endeavoured to give him a blow with cane. At the ſame time there came up one or o of his accomplices and knocked me down; people coming to my aſſiſtance, they ran away hout taking any thing from me. *He ſhewed two ge ſcars on the left ſide of his head, the wounds de at that time.*

Joſeph Crane. I parted with Deſcent the ninth Auguſt, in the back lane near Well Cloſe uare. In the morning we appointed to meet, to to Deptford. I came according to my proiſe in the morning; he called up Roberts, beeen eight and nine o'clock, at Prince Frede k's head. When we were there, a man ſaid a bbery had been committed near Well Cloſe uare, and the man ſo beat that he was not likely live. Going along, Deſcent ſhewed me the ck, and a piece out of the head of it, and when we came to take water, he ſhew'd it me again, and ſaid, It was I that did that job in Well Cloſe Square laſt night.

Q. What did you underſtand by *that job?*

Crane. I underſtood it to be what the man ſaid in the alehouſe of abuſing a man.

Deſcent's Defence.

I went away out of the back lane about four o'clock that afternoon, and lay on board a ſhip at Deptford all night. I went with intent to enter on board her. There I met with ſome of my ſhipmates, and was drinking a pot of beer next morning, when they came and took me.

Branch's defence.

I came into Mrs. Stitchbourne's houſe in the evening, there was Bett Thomas. (*Note, that is Elizabeth Hall, who has went by ſeveral names.*) I went to bed with her, and remained there till ſeven the next morning; then came in Nat Harris, and ſaid, Your ſervant; after that came in Thomas Stanley and Macdonald, and laid hold on me. Macdonald pulled out a piſtol, and ſaid, D——n you, if you don't confeſs, I'll blow your brains out. Then they took me to a ſpunging houſe and got me very much in liquor, ſo that I don't know what I ſaid.

Q. *to Eliz. Hall.* Did he (Branch) lie with you that night?

Elizabeth Hall. They lay both together till five o'clock the next morning. Both Guilty Death.

They were both indicted a ſecond time for the wilful murder of Joſeph Brown, Auguſt the ninth.

Joſeph Williams, Mr. Pell, Juſtice Manwaring, Stephen Macdonald, Walter Roberts, and Joſeph Crane, were examined over again, and depoſed as in the former trial.

Mr. Pell was here more particular as to the wounds of the deceaſed, as follows:

Mr. Pell. I found the deceaſed bleeding, his head and face very much bruiſed, and ſeveral large wounds on his head; one under the left eye, the temporary artery was divided, the wounds ſeemed to be done with a blunt weapon, they were what we call contuſed wounds. I put up the divided veſſels, ſtopped the effuſion of blood, and made uſe of reſtringent applications, dreſſed him and left him till next day. I then deſired the aſſiſtance of another ſurgeon, and Mr. Harriſon, ſurgeon of the

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London hoſpital, was called in; I open'd the man's head. After removing the rollers, the firſt thing that offered itſelf to our view was part of the brains lying on the hair on the outſide of his head, juſt above the temple on the left ſide. Upon this, with the advice of Mr. Harriſon, I made a large inciſion about five inches in length, in a ſemicircular ſhape, taking in beſt part of his forehead, and ſeparated the ſcalp from the ſcull. When we had done this, we obſerved a prodigious fracture of the ſcull, the biggeſt that ever I ſaw; it was broke into many pieces, ſeveral of which I extracted. I believe one (ſpike or ſplinter) was drove two inches into the brain. We ſuffered a bone to remain, fearing the whole of the brain would come out. The man lay under great and horrible pain, which induced us to ſhorten the work. Every day after in the courſe of my attendance, I hardly dreſſed him without taking out more pieces of the ſcull, that preſſed in upon the ſubſtance of the brain. The third day I diſcovered a large piece of bone looſe, down the forehead, the fracture running down the forehead; there was a diſcharge of the brain from the inſide. In a few hours after the extraction of this bone he recovered his ſenſes, which was on the third day. Before he lay as it were in a ſtupified way. I was very particular in aſking him what he remembered of his being ſo uſed, and he always ſaid, the firſt of it he remembered was my firſt dreſſing him; he remembered nothing of what was done to him at the time of the robbery. He died laſt Monday was ſe'nnight, which was the 31ſt; he was dying four days. We had ſo great a diſcharge of the brain towards the latter end, that I did not care to open it. After he was dead, I opened him in Mr. Harriſon's preſence; upon taking the upper part of the ſcull from the under, out of ſix bones which the ſcull is compoſed of, I found four of them fractured; the bone of his noſe was broke from that of the forehead. His left cheek bone was broke, the fracture of which muſt be by a violent blow; for this bone is leſs liable to a fracture than any other in the body; all the left ſide of the brain, which we call the left hemiſph , was abſolutely diſſolved by a mortification. I opened his body, and found all the bowels bid fair for a vigorous old age.

Q. Upon the whole do you, or do you not believe theſe wounds were the cauſe of his death?

Pell. No doubt but he died of theſe blows he had received about the head. Both guilty **Death.**

They received ſentence immediately, which was on Wedneſday, and were executed on the Friday following.*

* *For Branch, ſee No.* 474. *and the indictment of No.* 25. *in the mayoralty of Alderman Cokayne; alſo No.* 323. *in laſt paper.*

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489. (*M.*) **Thomas Segar** was indicted for not ſurrendering himſelf according to the king's order in council.

No evidence being produced, the court found the iſſues for the priſoner.

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490. (*L.*) **William Curier** was indicted for ſtealing one linen handkerchief, val. 6d. the property of Chriſtopher Perkins, Auguſt 22.

Chriſtopher Perkins. I live in St. Clement's-lane. Laſt Sunday was ſe'nnight in the morning, ſearching my pocket, I miſſed my handkerchief. I imagined I had loſt it on Saturday night; in about half an hour I heard Sir John Hankey's pocket had been attempted to be picked, and that a lad was taken up and ſeveral handkerchiefs found upon him. I deſired a perſon that was going there to ſee if there was ſuch an one as mine. He went and when returned, ſaid there was. I went to Guildhall on the Monday, and ſaw the handkerchief; it proved to be mine. *Produced in court, and depoſited.*

Q. When had you it in your pocket laſt before?

Perkins. I am certain I had it on the Saturday before, in the evening. I ſtopped to look at a funeral in Gracechurch-ſtreet, betwixt eight and nine o'clock, which is the time I ſuſpect I loſt it.

Q. *from priſoner.* Did you ſee me then?

Perkins. I don't know that I did.

Richard Wilſon. On Saturday the 22d of Auguſt, about nine, going along George yard in Lombard-ſtreet. I heard the cry of pickpocket by the voice I thought I knew. I deſired the people to ſecure the boy whom I ſaw, who proved to be the priſoner; he was, and carried to the watch-houſe where Sir Joſeph Hankey deſired I would ſearch him. I found two handkerchiefs round his neck, one wrapped in the other. There was a perſon perceived an handkerchief hang out of the knee of his breeches; I unbuttoned his breeches, and found two bound round his thigh, and another, which was a ragg, upon him. He was committed to the Poultry Compter. I delivered the handkerchiefs into Sir Joſeph's cuſtody, and he re-delivered them at Guildhall on Monday morning.

Priſoner

Prisoner's Defence.

I was coming along out of Whitechapel, having been paid, and going to look for my sister, who was singing in the street. Doing my occasions by the Monument, there I saw a bundle lie. I picked it up and opened it, and counted four handkerchiefs in it. I had not pockets to put them in, so I put them about my neck, and tied some about my leg. Guilty.

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491. (*L.*) Joseph Lacy, was indicted for stealing one silver milkpot, val. 12 s. the property of Joseph Goostree, 1st June 28.

Joseph Goostree. I live in Brewer street, Goldensquare, St. James's. On Sunday the 28th of June, Mr. Mordica came to me to know if I had not lost a silver milkpot, I found I had, and went to his house and own'd it to be my property; then I went to the poultry compter, I saw the prisoner but did not know him, but upon asking him questions how he came into my house, he own'd he took the silver milkpot from off my shelf in my kitchen; and that the maid used to let him in, and he used to make her free.

Mr. Mordica. I live in Shoemaker-row and keep a glass-shop. On Sunday between 9 and 10 in the morning, there were two men and the prisoner offering to sell a silver milkpot, the people told me they believed it was stolen. I bring Constable, took it out of Gaines's hand, who said it to sell, he asked 3 s. or 3 s. and 6 d. he said it is not mine, but that persons there, and said I know him. Then I said he should go before the Alderman. There the prisoner said, he found it, and it was his, the other ran way. I took them and brought them to the Compter. In the way Gaines told me, if I'd go to one Mr. Goostree, I should find that the pot was his property. I went there and told him of it; he then missed it and came with me and saw it, and said it was his property.

Francis Gaines. I worked in the garden at Brumpton, and have known the prisoner two years, he scowers clothes; I attended a sick gentleman at Brumpton; he desired me to go out the 28th of June in the morning to get some mushrooms, going thro' the five fields at Chelsea, betwixt five and six, I met the prisoner, he said Frank, I can go and get a good breakfast if you'll go along with me. I consented, we went to Mr. Goostree's house at the corner of a street, he knock'd at the parlour window, a servant maid open'd the window, and said, I'll come presently, she open'd the door in about a quarter of an hour and let him in, I stood just by the corner of the street. He came out with an apron full of bread and cheese, and said, we'll go and have a breakfast, which we did. Then at his desire we went and took a walk over the new Bridge, and to Dukes-place, there I believe were a hundred Jews walking about. He said to me, I have found a very fine thing, I'll sell it, and pull'd it out of his pocket, I thought it was the case of a watch. He gave it me in my hand, I shewed it to a man who went to the Constable who came up to me, and asked me whose it was? I said a man has found it, and he'll sell it for three shillings and sixpence an ounce. He took hold on us both, when we came to the Compter, I took the Constable into the lodge, and said, he came from a very creditable house, and may be he has took this from thence. He asked me where? I said from Mr. Goostree's, and gave him directions to find it, so he went there.

The prisoner call'd David Gorbet, Mary Avery, Mary Lacy, who gave him a good character. Guilty.

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492. (*L.*) Charles Smith, was indicted for stealing fifteen yards of flower'd lawn, the goods of Abraham Dyer, and Co. July 24.

Philip Chancey. I live in Cornhill, am partner with my father a linen-draper, there were eight pieces of Silesia lawn pack'd up in a box taken away the 29th of July, I did not see them, they were missed the 30th. We advertised them on the Friday; and a gentleman brought us a piece and the prisoner. In the piece was about seven yards and half, *(produced in court, and deposed to,)* mark'd by the initial letters of all their names, being three partners; he looks at it; *This is the piece we had sold to* Mr. *Dyer.* It had met with an accident and been at the whitsters, then we put the initial letters of our names. They were sold to him before they had been to Barbadoes, and met with an accident coming back, which occasioned them to be whitened.

The prisoner denied it at first, but when we took him before my Lord Mayor, he acknowleg'd that he was the person that took the goods, and where we should find all the rest; and that he watch'd an opportunity of our servant

being out of the way when he took them. At his lodging we found part, and at two pawnbrokers we found all the reſt.

Samuel Hance. I am ſervant to Mr. Brown, a pawn-broker in Marybone. That on the 31ſt of July the priſoner brought me a remnant of lawn, he aſked me twelve ſhillings upon it. I lent him half a guinea. On the Monday following, he brought another piece, red and white, which my maſter would not take in. I told my maſter, that it had been advertis'd, we ſaw it anſwer'd the advertiſement. I ſtop'd him in Coventry-ſtreet and brought him to my maſter. He took him to Mr. *Chancey.*

Q. What did the priſoner ſay for himſelf?

Samuel Hance. He ſaid he had a lot of people he had drawn pictures for, (being a face painter) but could not tell me who, or where they liv'd.

Chriſtopher Parker. I am ſervant to Mr. Chancey. After this lawn came home from the whitſters I mark'd it; after which it was pack'd up intending to be ſhip'd with other goods, it was enter'd in the Journal as belonging to Abraham Dyer. The next morning, being the 30th of July, when we came to ſhip the goods this package was miſſing, upon which it was advertis'd; after which, this piece, with the priſoner was brought to our houſe by Mr. Brown the pawnbroker. Then the priſoner ſaid he had taken it for work which he had done, but could not tell where the perſons liv'd, nor tell their names. The next morning he was taken before my Lord Mayor, but before his Lordſhip came to the hall, he acknowledged to Mr. Chancey, in my hearing, that he was the perſon who took the box out of the ſhop, and hop'd he'd be as favourable as poſſible to him, and he'd let him know where the reſt of the goods were, and deſired we would ſtay till his daughter came to us, and then he would give us the keys of the room in order for us to find them. We were agreeable to this, ſtaid till ſhe came, and then went with her into ſome ſtreet near Bloomſbury-ſquare, and found ſome of the lawns, ſome of them were torn.

Priſoner's Defence.

I am uſed to draw for people that pay me in goods, ſometimes in money. This was brought to me by a man that told me he had no money at that time, ſo I took the things. It is not to be imagin'd I'd go to pawn things with marks on them, if I had any notion of their being ſtolen. I have lived threeſcore and ten years in town, and never was charg'd with any thing of this ſort. I have drawn for nobility and could have cheated them of hundreds of pounds had I been inclined ſo to do. Guilty 10d.

493, 494. (*M.*) Sarah Chapman and Ann Johnſon, ſpinſters, were indicted for ſtealing one piece of linen cloth for handkerchiefs, val. 50 l. the property of Ann Bellanger, in the ſhop of the ſaid Ann, July 30.

Ann Bellanger. I live in Compton-ſtreet, and am a linen-draper. The two priſoners came together to my ſhop for ſome handkerchiefs, on the 30th of July. Ann Johnſon aſked me for ſome. I ſhew'd her ſome red ones, and ſhe ſaid they were too little. I ſaid, I had ſome larger, blue and brown. She deſired to ſee them. I ſhew'd her ſome a yard wide, but ſhe did not like them, and then they went out of the ſhop. After they were gone about three minutes, I turned my head and miſſed the cloth mentioned, which was of twenty red handkerchiefs, and a piece of ten blue ones. One of the pieces lay near the door, the other at the farther end of the ſhop.

Q. Were either of the priſoners at the end of the ſhop?

Ann Bellanger. Ann Johnſon was at the farther end. When they were gone we ſent to the pawnbrokers, and one, named Pardey, ſent his boy with a handkerchief *(produced in court and depoſed to)* I ſaw Chapman at that pawn-broker's, ſhe had one of the blue ones about her neck. The other priſoner was found at night, and another blue handkerchief was taken upon her.

Robert Pardey. I live in Weſt-ſtreet near the Seven Dials, and am a pawnbroker. After the proſecutrix had loſt the things mentioned, Chapman came about five or ſix in the evening, on the 30th of July, to pledge a red handkerchief for a ſhilling, and ſaid ſhe bought it in St. Martin's Lane. I ſtopt her, ſent for the proſecutrix and ſhe owned it. After that the priſoner ſaid ſhe bought it in Compton-ſtreet. She had another on her neck which the proſecutrix owned.

Q. Is there any thing particular in that handkerchief, ſo that you, or the proſecutrix, can know it from the others of the ſame piece?

Pardey. I cannot ſay there is.

Chapman's Defence.

I uſe Billingſgate, and, going there to buy oiſters, I bought

ought two handkerchiefs for two ſhillings and pence. The other woman bought one for fifteen-nce of a man that was there, and, who comes ery day.

Johnſon's Defence the ſame. Both acquitted.

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495. (*L.*) **Abraham Ruſſel**, was indicted for aling thirteen-pence halfpeny, the money of illiam Allen, Auguſt 20.

William Allen, the proſecutor, having miſſed oney out of his draw in the ſhop, and ſuſpecting ſervants, he marked one ſhilling, two ſix-nces, and eight halfpence with the letter A, d put them into the drawer. The priſoner d to come early in the morning, to help make ndles, he came betwixt twelve and one o'clock, guſt the 20th. In the morning the proſecutor t up, miſſed one ſhilling and four halfpence; e priſoner had been out for a halfpenyworth of bacco. A conſtable was ſent for and the pri-er ſearched, and there was found upon him e ſhilling and three-halfpence, all marked, which e proſecutor depoſed to. Guilty.

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496. (*M.*) **Suſannah Barber**, was indicted for aling 3 l. in money numbered, the money of hn Watſon, in the dwelling-houſe of the ſaid hn, Auguſt 4.

John Watſon. I keep a publick houſe, the hite Hart at Knights-bridge. On the 28th of y I loſt ſome money out of my houſe, it was in ttle box, in a cloſet, in a back room where my te and other things were.

Q. Was the cloſet locked?

Watſon. It was, but the key was in the door. that time the priſoner was my ſervant.

Q. When did you ſee the money laſt?

Watſon. I ſaw it between ſeven and eight lock at night, and miſſed it at eleven, when I t to take it up to bed, the box and money e both gone.

Q. Where was the priſoner?

Watſon. She was gone alſo, I did not ſee her r nine o'clock. I went to ſee for her the next , and between one and two o'clock I took her he Savoy, and carried her before a juſtice of peace. She owned ſhe had taken the money y. After this I was informed, that the box been ſeen, at the Chequer alehouſe in St. es's. I went there and found it; it was pro-ed by Mrs. Fowley that keeps the houſe. There were in it ſome notes which were there when in my houſe.

Elizabeth Fowley. On the 28th of July laſt, between eleven and twelve o'clock at night, the priſoner came into my houſe and deſired ſhe might have ſome ſtakes dreſſed. She took me on one ſide and gave me a bundle, after that this box, in which was thirty ſhillings, and then deſired me to put them by for her. She came again the next day, took out all the money, but twelve ſhillings, and went away (*the box produced in court and depoſed to by the proſecutor*).

Job Fluid. I know the priſoner. I was at the Chequers when ſhe came in, and ſaw her deliver the box to Mrs. Fowley.

James Fry. I was with the proſecutor at the time the priſoner was taken. I heard her confeſs ſhe had robbed her maſter, and embezzeled the money.

Priſoner's Defence.

I know nothing of the money; the place where it lay was free for all comers and goers; beſides, there was a quantity of plate in the ſame place, and none of that was miſſing. If I had taken the money I might as well have taken the plate. Guilty, thirty-nine ſhillings.

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497. (*M.*) **John Bond**, was indicted for ſtealing two yards of ſtriped cotton, value 2 s. the property of Thomas Fox, Auguſt 5.

Jun. Mr Lane. I live in Globe-yard, Wapping. On the fifth of Auguſt, about ſeven in the evening, the priſoner came and knock'd with a cane at my door, ſo I came down ſtairs. He ſaid, have you got any lodgers, for I have a written order to ſhip three men. My ſiſter, Mary Lee, came behind him, lifted up the flap of his right hand pocket, and I ſaw the cotton there. It is two yards of cotton for a ſhirt not made up.

Q. Whoſe property is it?

A. Mr Lane. It is the property of Thomas Fox.

Q. Where had you ſeen it before?

A. Mr Lane. I had juſt laid it out of my hand upon the table in the lower room.

Q. How far is that table from the door?

A. Mr Lane. It is about two yards and a half from it. When I charged him with it he inſiſted upon being taken before a juſtice of the peace to clear himſelf. But, when he had been there, and finding

finding he muſt go to Bridewell, he wanted to make it up.

Mary Lee. I am ſiſter to Ann Mc Lane. I was at my own door, which is about ſix or ſeven yards from her door, about ſeven o'clock in the evening, Auguſt the fifth. The priſoner came down the yard and aſked if any ſailors lived in that place. I being a ſailor's wife, ſaid, there was, and aſked him who he wanted; he ſaid, he could not tell; that there were three men that day at the Exchange, from that place, and he was come to ſhip them; then I directed him to my ſiſter's houſe, as there were ſailors lodged there. He went there, her door and window were open. I found he did not come back, then I looked out and ſaw my ſiſter in her chamber over the lower room. I called to her, and ſaid, did you ſee the man that wanted you? She ſaid, no, What man? Then I ſaw him jump from towards her drawers, in the lower room, to the out ſide of the door.

Q. How long might this be from the time he paſſed you?

M. Lee. I believe it was about five or ſix minutes from the time I ſent him there. Then I went to him, he ſtood with his back towards me, and fell a knocking at the door with the head of his cane.

Q. How far are the drawers, you ſpeak of, from the door?

M. Lee. They are better than two yards from it. She came down and talked to him. I ſaw his pocket of ſome bulk, ſo I lifted up the pocket-flap and ſaw the ſhirt. He inſiſted upon going before a juſtice without any officer, and threatened me for robbing him of the ſhirt. We took him before a juſtice; there he ſaid, I was at work upon it, followed him and put it in his pocket, in order to ſwear a robbery againſt him.

Q. Whoſe ſhirt is it?

M. Lee. It is Thomas Fox's ſhirt.

Priſoner's Defence.

I am a lame old man, almoſt ſixty-eight years, and almoſt loſt my ſight. Guilty. 10 *d.*

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498. (*M.*) George Oglevey was indicted for ſtealing one linen handkerchief, val. 12 *d.* the property of John Moſs, privately from his perſon, July 12.

John Moſs. I am ſervant to a gentleman. On the 12th of July, a little after ten at night, I had been hiring a coach at the M[illegible] coming home to my lodgings in [illegible] The priſoner came ruſhing up to me againſt me, and to the beſt of my [illegible] right hand was in my pocket. I ſaw [illegible] chief in his hand; I think it then was [illegible] of my pocket, and felt him at my pocket. [illegible] ed at the handkerchief, but could not [illegible] it. He ran and I ran after him; he [illegible] way but round the croſs, and went [illegible] where the ſtatue ſtands. I had like to [illegible] upon him four or five times. I called out *Stop pickpocket, ſtop thief.* At laſt I ſeized [illegible] he had dropped the handkerchief in his [illegible] and it was picked up near the ſtatue of [illegible] horſeback, and brought to me; after which [illegible] knowledged he had taken it, and begged [illegible] euſe him, before the people in the watch [illegible] and went down on his kneeas and ſaid [illegible] firſt fact. *The handkerchief produced in court, and depoſed to, with the proſecutor's name on it.*

Q. When had you ſeen it laſt?

Moſs. I had but juſt before taken it out of my pocket, and wiped my face with it.

Q. from the priſoner. Was any body [illegible] you when you loſt your handkerchief?

Moſs. There were ſome people quarrelling ten or twelve paces before me.

John Rich. I am a watchman. On the [illegible] July, after calling the hour ten, I heard the cry *Stop thief*, and ran where I ſaw people running. I was within about ten or twelve yards of [illegible] when the proſecutor took hold of the priſoner, he gave me charge of him, and we took him to the watch-houſe. There the proſecutor aſked him if he would tell him what he had done with his handkerchief; the priſoner at firſt denied knowing of it. We confined him, and then traced the ground round where they ſtood, and found the handkerchief lying on the ground, and took it to the watch-houſe. The next day he acknowledged he had taken it, and had dropped it becauſe it ſhould not be found. He begged the proſecutor on his knees that he'd forgive him.

Priſoner's Defence.

The proſecutor went down to the [illegible] was committed, and is come up in order to proſecute me. He told my father if he'd give him ſo much money as it had coſt him he would not proſecute me. I knowing myſelf to be innocent, [illegible]